

The Lancaster Gazette.

CITY OF LANCASTER:
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Western Correspondence of the Lancaster Gazette.

St. Paul, Minnesota, Aug. 5, '55.

DEAR MAC.—The rush of emigration to this region has somewhat abated—owing,

no doubt, to the extreme hot weather and proverbial sickness of this season of the year.

Although the new-comers are not as numerous at this particular period as some two months since, yet the business aspect of this new and flourishing city is quite as flattering as in early spring.

In fact it is really astonishing to see the amount of business done all over this youthful Territory, and the rapidity with which new towns "spring into being" is unparalleled in the history of our country, and their "growth" only surpassed in California.

There are already published in the Territory fourteen weekly news-papers, and several others are in contemplation.

In St. Paul, the progressive inhabitants boast of four dailies, neatly printed, ably edited and liberally patronized.

I point of liberality towards the press I doubt whether

the same number of inhabitants in any other portion of the whole country excel the citizens of St. Paul.

The St. Paul papers, however, have been chiefly instrumental in developing the resources of the Territory, and without their aid it would not now occupy so great a share of public attention.

Perhaps in no city in the country has the newspaper press had so powerful an influence for good, and well does it become her citizens to extend it that encouragement it may justify merits.

The papers published here are the Pioneer, Minnesotan, Times

and Democrat; the former establishment

the most extensive one in the city, though

in point of influence, perhaps, the Minnesota ranks first.

The season, until quite recently, has been unusually dry, and the crops are

in meager consequence thereof.

Within the past week we have had several

hard showers, with any quantity of thunder and lightning, the latter doing some

damage in this place and Minnesota by

striking a store room in each place—no

very serious damage, however.

These timely rains will of inestimable value

to the vegetable creation, and the abundant

yield of potatoes, cabbage, &c., will go far

to "fill up" the "vacuum" occasioned by

the failure of the wheat crop.

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